

## Administrator Gina McCarthy Region 6 Visit

### Issue: On-site Residents at Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site

#### Message

- EPA is using removal authorities to quickly address risk to on-site residents at this newly listed Superfund site.
- Recognizing the timeframes to fully implement a remedial investigation and remedy selection at the Site, the Region engaged with Removal authorities to quickly assess the exposure to on-site residents, and provide fencing as necessary to prevent exposure.
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- Due to concerns related to presence of soil contamination and waste source material, EPA is meeting with the residents to discuss residential property sampling, fencing of waste source material to restrict access, and provide information on and respond to questions related to the contaminants at the site.

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#### Background/Status:

The Wilcox Oil Company (Wilcox) Site includes the inactive and abandoned Lorraine and Wilcox Oil refineries located in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. The property was utilized as a crude oil refinery by these refineries from the mid-1920s to the mid-1960s and comprise 125 acres. These refinery waste source areas of concern include a backfilled oily waste pond and pit, a breached settling pond, a former pond apparently backfilled with solid refinery waste, and a number of former tank storage areas. The contaminants of concern are lead and organic compounds (Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)). These contaminants of concern are found in soil, sediment, and waste material. There are approximately 6 residential properties on the Site and 4 residential properties that boarder the Site. These properties are located within the former process and tank storage areas.

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